

Remarks:


Receipt of the Interview Summary mailed April 2, 2003 is acknowledged. The applicants are filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Claims 1-26 are pending in the application with claims 1, 10, 17, and 19 being independent claims.

Pursuant to Examiner Rinehart's suggestions during the telephonic interview on March 21, 2003, applicants have amended the independent claims 1, 10, 17, and 19 to clearly distinguish between the controller functionality generally disclosed in the prior art and the recited link active scheduler functionality.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. In the event that there is any remaining issue that the Examiner believes can be further resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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